



ST. STEPHEN PROTOMARTYR UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

A PLACE TO ENCOUNTER THE LIVING CHRIST

NOVEMBER 20 - 2016

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

**Forefeast of the Entrance of the Most Holy Mother of God into the Temple;
Our Venerable Father Gregory of Decapolis (842); Our Holy Father Proclus, Archbishop of
Constantinople (446); Commemoration of Blessed Josaphata Hordashevskia,
First Superior of the Sisters Servants of Mary Immaculate (+1919)**

Troparia and Kontakia

Troparion: When You went down to death, O Life Immortal,* You struck Hades dead with the blazing light of Your divinity.* When You raised the dead from the nether world,* all the powers of heaven cried out:* "O Giver of Life, Christ our God, glory be to You!"

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

Kontakion: You rose from the tomb, O almighty Saviour,* and Hades, seeing this wonder, was stricken with fear; and the dead arose.* Creation saw and rejoices with You, and Adam exults.* And the world, my Saviour, sings Your praises for ever.

Now and for ever and ever. Amen.

Theotokion: The tomb and death could not hold the Mother of God,* unceasing in her intercession and an unfailing hope of patronage,* for as the Mother of Life she was transferred to life* by Him Who had dwelt in her ever-virgin womb.

Prokeimenon

*The Lord is my strength and my song of praise,
and He has become my salvation.*

verse: The Lord has indeed chastised me, but
He has not delivered me to death.

*The Lord is my strength and my song of praise,
and He has become my salvation.*

Epistle

Ephesians 6:10-17

Brothers and Sisters, finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. Put on the whole armour of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the

authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armour of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

**At the end of the Epistle parents may send their
children to the back of the church to get candles
for the reading of the Holy Gospel.**

Alleluia

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

verse: The Lord will hear you in the day of
tribulation; the name of the God of Jacob will
shield you.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

verse: Lord, grant victory to the king and hear
us in the day that we shall call upon You.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Gospel

Luke 13:10-17

At that time Jesus was teaching in one of their synagogues on the Sabbath. And behold, there was a woman who for eighteen years had had a sickness caused by a spirit; and she was bent over and utterly unable to look up. When Jesus saw her, he called her to him and said to her, "Woman, you are delivered from your infirmity." And he laid his hands upon her, and instantly she was made straight, and glorified

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DIVINE LITURGIES

Sundays:

8:30am – Ukrainian [chanted]
10:30am – English [choir]
1:00pm – Arabic / English [Melkite]
5:00pm – English [recited & incense free]

Mon/Tues/Thurs/Sat

9:00am – English

Fridays:

10:00am at Westview—English

Feast Days: (subject to change)

9:00am – English
7:00pm – English

HOLY MYSTERIES

Confession:

Saturdays at 4pm, occasionally on
Sundays from 10—11am, and by
appointment.

Marriage: Arrangements with Fr. Bo.

Baptism-Chrismation-Eucharist:
Arrangements with Fr. Bo.

Anointing of the Sick: For emergencies
call 403-249-4818, press 9.

Funeral: Arrangements with Fr. Bo.

CLERGY and RELIGIOUS

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God. But the ruler of the synagogue, indignant that Jesus was curing on the Sabbath, addressed the crowd, saying, "There are six days in which one ought to work; on these therefore come and be cured, and not on the Sabbath." But the Lord answered him and said, "Hypocrites! Does not each one of you on the Sabbath let go his ox or ass from the manger, and lead it out to water? And this woman, daughter of Abraham as she is, whom Satan has bound, lo, for eighteen years, ought not she too be released from this

bond on the Sabbath?" And as he said these things, all his adversaries were put to shame; and the entire crowd rejoiced at all the Glorious things that were done by him.

Communion Hymn

Praise the Lord from the heavens;* praise Him in the highest.*

Alleluia, alleluia,* alleluia.



Feast of the Entrance into The Temple of Our Most Holy Lady The Theotokos

November 21, 2016

Introduction

The Feast of the Entrance into the Temple of Our Most Holy Lady the Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary is celebrated on November 21 each year. The Feast commemorates when as a young child, the Virgin Mary entered the Temple in Jerusalem.

The birth and early life of the Virgin Mary is not recorded in the Gospels or other books of the New Testament, however this information can be found in a work dating from the second century known as the Book of James or Protevangelion. When Mary was three years old, Joachim and Anna decided that the time had come to fulfill their promise and to offer her to the Lord. Joachim gathered the young girls of the neighborhood to form an escort, and he made them go in front of Mary, carrying torches. Captivated by the torches, the young child followed joyfully to the Temple, not once looking back at her parents nor weeping as she was parted from them.

The holy Virgin ran toward the Temple, overtaking her attendant maidens and threw herself into the arms of the High Priest Zacharias, who was waiting for her at the gate of the Temple with the elders. Zacharias blessed her saying, "It is in you that He has glorified your name in every generation. It is in you that He will reveal the Redemption that He has prepared for His people in the last days." Then, Zacharias brought the child into the Holy of Holies—a place where only the High Priest was permitted to enter once a year on the Day of Atonement. He placed her on the steps of the altar, and the grace of the Lord descended upon her. She arose and expressed her joy in a dance as wonder seized all who saw this happen.

The Virgin Mary dwelt in the Temple for nine years until, reaching an age for marriage, she was taken from the Temple by the priests and elders and entrusted to Joseph as the guardian of her virginity.

The Entrance of the Theotokos into the Temple signifies her total dedication to God and her readiness for her future vocation as the Mother of the Incarnate Lord. This is a feast of anticipation. As honor is shown to Mary, the faithful are called to look forward to the Incarnation of Christ, celebrated in a little more than a month by the Feast of the Nativity on December 25.

Please join us tomorrow, November 21st at our Festal Liturgies at 9:00am and 7:00pm to celebrate this Major Feast Day!

COUNTING OUR BLESSINGS ...

Our Resident Photographer, STAN KWASNIOWSKI



Stan Kwasniowski was born in Regina during the dirty thirties. His parents moved the family to eastern Canada where Stan lived until starting his life in Calgary with his family in 1965. Stan met Irene at Christmas 1959 and they were married in June 1961. They have a son Stephen and a daughter Lori.

STAN'S MEMORIES...

"We attended Assumption Parish and in 1966 we were asked by Joe and Ed Sakundiak to join a new Parish being established on the south side of Calgary. We joined this small group of parishioners called St. Stephen Mission. Oh what fun we had! Our first Pastor was Father Phil Shinduk, a tall priest that chewed gum during the Divine Liturgy. Father Greschuk, our second priest was wonderful. In 1970 when our first Church was just about finished, Fr. Greschuk asked the congregation to make an offering to the church, crosses, chalices etc. Irene and I bought the chalice for the new Church. In fact it is still used today. If you look at the chalice on the altar it's the small one, with grape engraving around the cup and at the base of the chalice. It is well worn from handling by various Priests over the years.

I was fortunate to be the secretary of the first parish counsel and we built our first church in 1972. When it was announced that Fr. Greschuk would become Auxiliary Bishop in Edmonton, he asked me to be one of his ushers at the ordination. What a special day!

I have loved photography since I was 15, when I starting shooting and printing in black and white. I never lost the passion. In later years, when digital came out, I felt that our early years at St. Stephen's were not documented with photography. I decided that I would like to capture major events in our parish with digital, which I really enjoy. One of my biggest honors was when I was asked to photograph Patriarch S. Shevchuk, in 2012. I am very happy to do any photography when Bishop David is with us, or other special occasions. Every time I walk into Church, I look to my right and up, to see the top icon of our church in glass. This is my photography, taken years ago.

Next to my family, the Church and photography are my life.

Another honor that I cherish is that I was asked to be an Honorary Pall Bearer for Chief Gordon Crowchild, Chief of the Tsuu T'inna Nation, who passed away a few years ago. Gordon and I were friends at the Calgary Stampede in the '80s. In my image the bow on my left arm designates, pall bearer.

I look forward to attending Divine Liturgy every Sunday, and when I walk in, I am always in awe of the beautiful edifice that we have, and when all those "little ones" come up to hear the gospel: WOW, I know our Parish will survive!"

GATHERED FROM STAN'S FELLOW PARISHIONERS:

"Stan was Sviatay Nickolay (St. Nicholas) at the children's Christmas parties? Stan you set the standard for Sviatay Nickolay!

"Stan dressed in a tutu and Irene came dressed in a costume of tin cans for the parish Halloween Party?"

"Stan volunteered to place the folding kneelers for Sunday Liturgy at our original Parish Centre, except one Sunday he placed them backwards."

"Irene was a budding starlet acting as "Kitty" in the parish production of the then popular TV series Gunsmoke."

"Stan was responsible for the lingering smell of burnt onions at Sunday Liturgy following the prior night's public bingo."

Lastly I would like to share my own personal moment about Stan. It was after I became editor for VIEWS FROM THE PEWS, for the first time. I had changed things up a bit from the previous publication so you wonder about the feedback you might receive. One night Stan sent me an email that truly brought tears to my eyes. He said that he really appreciated what I was doing and that it felt like I was a kindred spirit to the past days of St. Stephen's. I felt so grateful, so accepted after that email.

THANK YOU Stan, for all you have done to preserve the history of St. Stephen's through your beautiful photography. We truly count you as one of our blessings. May God grant you many more happy years! Mnohaya Lita!

Laurie Kindrachuk, email: laurie.kindrachuk@shaw.ca

**ST. STEPHEN CHARITABLE
COMMITTEES, ACTIVITIES &
ORGANIZATIONS**

Charity Subcommittee: Coordinate and market the efforts of all parish charitable activity.

Contact: Eugene Woychyshyn
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<eugene.woychyshyn@gmail.com>

Pass It On: Donates clothing to needy families in Calgary.

Contact: Theresa Lewchuk
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<lewchukt@hotmail.com>

Men's Dinner: Annual major church fundraiser for capital expenses plus Inn From the Cold endeavours.

Contact: Greg Bobyn
403-271-0011; <greg.bobyn@mnpc.ca>

The Helping Others Network: Distributes used furnishings and clothing to the needy.

Contact: Des Peplinski
403-238-0804; <dlp238@shaw.ca>

Art Committee: discusses religious artwork for parish.

Contact: Jim Ochitwa
<jim.ochitwa@maryngroup.com>

UCWLC: Responds to parish and community needs through volunteerism, pastoral works, Ukrainian culture & aid.

Contact: Stacey Bobyn
403-860-2185
<sbobyn1@telusplanet.net>


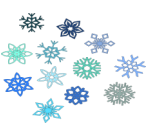

Knights of Columbus: Provide financial aid & support for members and their families, and help the sick, needy and disabled in our parish, city and abroad.

Contact: Earle Kowalewich
<earlekoko@shaw.ca>

Plus 50 Club: Provides social interaction for parish seniors, promotes Ukrainian cultural events, and raises funds for the parish.

Contact: Ed Tysowski
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NOVEMBER / DECEMBER 2016

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
<p>20 TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:30 am Divine Liturgy: Ukr. 10:30 am Divine Liturgy: Eng. With Sunday School PARISH SAGM after 10:30 Divine Liturgy K of C Pancake breakfast after each Divine Liturgy 1:00 pm Melkite Divine Liturgy 5:00 pm Divine Liturgy: Eng.  <p>SANDWICHES FOR THE DROP-IN CENTRE</p>	<p>21 FEAST DAY: ENTRANCE OF MOTHER OF GOD INTO TEMPLE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:00 am Festal DLiturgy 10:00 am Open Iconography Workshop 6:00 pm Certificate of Eastern Christian Traditions 7:00 pm Festal DLiturgy 	<p>22</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:00 am Divine Liturgy 1:00 pm Certificate of Eastern Christian Traditions 6:30 pm Ukrainian Language Class 7:45 pm Ukrainian Language Class 	<p>23</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">
<p>27 TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:30 am Divine Liturgy: Ukr. 10:30 am Divine Liturgy: Eng. With Sunday School 1:00 pm Melkite Divine Liturgy 5:00 pm Divine Liturgy: Eng.  <p>UCWLC SNOWFLAKE BAZAAR</p>	<p>28</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:00 am Festal DLiturgy 10:00 am Open Iconography Workshop 6:00 pm Certificate of Eastern Christian Traditions 7:00 pm Bible Study 	<p>29</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:00 am Divine Liturgy 11:00 am Plus 50 Mtg 1:00 pm Certificate of Eastern Christian Traditions 1:00 pm Regnum Christie 6:30 pm Ukrainian Language Class 7:45 pm Ukrainian Language Class 	<p>30</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">
<p>4 TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:30 am Divine Liturgy: Ukr. 10:30 am Divine Liturgy: Eng. NO SUNDAY SCHOOL 1:00 pm Melkite Divine Liturgy 3:00pm Ukrainian Carol Festival—Bella Centre (Mount Royal) 5:00 pm Divine Liturgy: Eng.  <p>ST. NICHOLAS EVENT</p>	<p>5</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:00 am Festal DLiturgy 10:00 am Open Iconography Workshop 6:00 pm Certificate of Eastern Christian Traditions 	<p>6 FEAST OF ST. NICHOLAS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:00 am Divine Liturgy 1:00 pm Certificate of Eastern Christian Traditions 1:00 pm Regnum Christie 6:30 & 7:45 pm Ukrainian Language Class 	<p>7</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">
<p>11 FOREFATHERS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:30 am Divine Liturgy: Ukr. 10:30 am Divine Liturgy: Eng. With Sunday School 1:00 pm Melkite Divine Liturgy 3:00pm Ukrainian Carol Festival—Bella Centre (Mount Royal) 5:00 pm Divine Liturgy: Eng. 	<p>12</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:00 am Divine Liturgy 10:00 am Open Iconography Workshop 6:00 pm Certificate of Eastern Christian Traditions 7:00 pm Bible Study 7:00 pm Finance Committee Meeting 	<p>13</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:00 am Divine Liturgy 1:00 pm Certificate of Eastern Christian Traditions 6:30 & 7:45 pm Ukrainian Language Class 7:00 Parish Council Meeting 	<p>14</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">

← **PARISH ADVENT MISSION with Fr. Miha**

WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
No Divine Liturgy 7:00 pm Ukrainian Language Class 7:00 pm Choir Practice	24 ♦ 9:00 am Divine Liturgy	25 (DAY OF FASTING) ♦ 10:00 am Divine Liturgy at West View Lodge ♦ 6:00 pm FAITH FRIDAY and POTLUCK DINNER	26 ♦ 9:00 am Divine Liturgy ♦ 10:00 am Decorating for Christmas ♦ 4:00 pm Confessions ♦ 5:00 pm Vespers
No Divine Liturgy 7:00 pm Ukrainian Language Class 7:00 pm Choir Practice	DECEMBER 1 ♦ 9:00 am Divine Liturgy ♦ 7:00 pm Knights of Columbus 3rd Degree Meeting	2 (DAY OF FASTING) ♦ 10:00 am Divine Liturgy at West View Lodge	3 ♦ 9:00 am Divine Liturgy ♦ 1:00 pm Wedding ♦ 4:00 pm Confessions ♦ 5:00 pm Vespers
No Divine Liturgy 7:00 pm Ukrainian Language Class	8 ♦ 9:00 am Divine Liturgy ♦ 7:00 pm Knights of Columbus 4th Degree Meeting	9 (DAY OF FASTING) ♦ 10:00 am Divine Liturgy at West View Lodge ♦ 6:00 pm FAITH FRIDAY and POTLUCK DINNER	10 ♦ 9:00 am Divine Liturgy ♦ 4:00 pm Confessions ♦ 5:00 pm Vespers
John Planchak →			
No Divine Liturgy 7:00 pm Ukrainian Language Class 7:00 pm Property Management Meeting	15 ♦ 9:00 am Divine Liturgy	16 (DAY OF FASTING) ♦ 10:00 am Divine Liturgy at West View Lodge	17 ♦ 9:00 am Divine Liturgy ♦ 4:00 pm Confessions ♦ 5:00 pm Vespers

St. Stephen's Choir: Provides music ministry to the parish for liturgical services and other events.
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Prayer & Support Group: Accepts prayer requests for the confidential needs and intentions of parishioners.
Contact: Marilyn Comchi
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Support Network: Provides support, encouragement & help for parishioners facing various difficulties/situations with referrals to services or help they need.
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International Trust Fund: Solicits & invests donations and disburses earned income to international charities in 2nd and 3rd world countries.
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Family Support Trust Fund: provides temporary financial support to parishioners in need. Donations to this fund are always welcome.
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Calgary Pro-Life Association: Raises funds for educational awareness programs.
Contact: John Siroishka
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Parish Library: A great place to borrow great books about our faith.
Contact: Olga Kizlyk Scarpari
<ststephens.library@gmail.com>

ARK Store: Looking for the perfect religious item? Check it out at the entrance to our hall. Open most Sunday mornings after Liturgy.
Contact: Donna Chelack
403-764-0811; <dchelack@shaw.ca>



Mothers and Fathers in Action

(M.A.F.I.A.): A group for parents and little ones from 'in utero' to Grade 6.

Contact: Zenon Berg

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Sunday School: A program run on most Sundays during the 10:30am Divine

Liturgy for preschoolers age 4 through grade 2 children.

Contact: Lynsey Lowey

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First Solemn Communion (FSC):

Sacramental Classes for children around GRADE 2 who are ready to approach for the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist on their own.

Contact: Karen McMillan

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Children of Mary & Altar Servers:

Elementary school children who have completed their FSC, are encouraged to get involved by serving at the Altar, learning, playing and growing together.

Contact: Fr. Bo Nahachewsky

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Junior Youth & Senior Youth: This is an active group of Jr. & Sr. High School students who work, play and grow together in Christ.

Contact: Philip Bird

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Young Adults: Those aged 18 - 35 are encouraged to gather as a community and learn, embrace and celebrate their faith.

Contact: Philip Bird

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Adult Catechism (RCIA): This program is open to Adults and Teens who want to receive the sacraments or just understand the faith.

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Bible Study: On many Mondays we study our faith through Sacred Scripture. Join us.

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Glory be to Jesus Christ!

LITURGICAL HELP

EPISTLE READERS

8:30am - Paul Kyba

10:30am - Harry & Annette Kozicki

5:00pm - Christine Knights

HOSTS/USHERS

8:30am - Paul Kyba

10:30am - Harry & Annette Kozicki

ROSARY (10:00am): Bill Lewchuk

ARK STORE— Lewchuk Family

PRAYERS & CATECHESIS

SUNDAY SCHOOL TODAY during 10:30am Divine Liturgy.

NO BIBLE STUDY: tomorrow, Nov. 21 due to Festal Liturgy

NATIVITY FAST continues (Winter Pascha, Week 2) See back page of bulletin for more description.

MAJOR FEAST DAY: ENTRANCE OF MOTHER OF GOD INTO TEMPLE is on Monday, November 21. Festal Liturgies will be held at 9:00am and 7:00pm.

REGNUM CHRISTI: prayers: on Tuesday, Nov. 29 at 1:00pm in the church.

NATIVITY FAST MISSION: with Fr. Mihajlo Planchak will run from Monday, Dec. 5 through Wednesday, Dec. 7 at 7:00pm.

CONFESSIONS at 4:00pm every Saturday.

GREAT VESPERS at 5:00pm every Saturday. Please join us in this lovely hour of prayer.

FIRST COMMUNION CLASSES: Begin in January, but you can sign up your child today. Just call or email the office.

CARDS AND DIVINE LITURGIES: The Pastoral Care Committee sends cards and makes requests for Divine Liturgies on behalf of St. Stephen's parishioners for all of our parishioners. If you know of someone in our Parish Family who the committee should be attending to, please contact Anne Lozinski at 403-241-8905.

PARISH MEETINGS & EVENTS



PARISH SAGM: TODAY after the 10:30 liturgy. Please come and have a voice and learn what is going on.

KNIGHT'S OF COLUMBUS PANCAKE

BREAKFAST : TODAY before the SAGM. All welcome!

SANDWICHES FOR THE DROP-IN CENTRE: collected TODAY. Thank you for your support and generosity!

CHOIR PRACTICE: on ALL Wednesdays in the month of November at 7:00pm in the loft.

FAITH FRIDAY AND POTLUCK DINNER: this Friday at 6:00pm. We will be covering the events from establishing the Kingdom of Israel through to the coming of Christ.

UCWLC SNOWFLAKE BAZAAR: on Sunday, Nov. 27 from 9:30am—1:30pm Please come and see what's new and exciting for 2016. We hope to have many new vendors this year, so come and check it out! Deadline for registering your craft/vendor table (and submitting your \$30 table fee) is November 21. Registration forms are available at the entrance to the church. For more Information, please contact Stacey Bobyn at <sbobyn1@telus.net.> . Hope to see you there!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS 3RD DEGREE MEETING: on Thursday, Dec. 1 at 7:00pm.

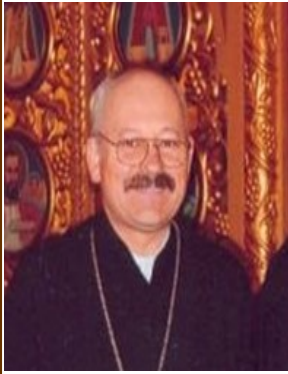
ST. NICHOLAS EVENT: on Sunday, December 4 after Divine Liturgy...stay tuned!

CHRISTMAS CHARITY INITIATIVE:

Food Drive for St. Vincent de Paul Society

During the Nativity Fast (and possibly afterwards), we will be collecting food for St. Vincent de Paul Society. Please bring in your donation of dry food items (not past expiry date!) and place them in the boxes provided. These items will be picked up for distribution to many hungry families in Calgary.

Your generosity is appreciated in helping those less fortunate. Thank you!



NATIVITY FAST MISSION

"How to Pray"

December 5—7, (Mon—Wed.) at 7:00pm

Please join us as we welcome Fr. Mihajlo (Michael) Planchak to lead us through this year's Parish Nativity Fast Mission. The topic is "How to Pray" and we are certain it will be educational, spiritual and rewarding.

ST. STEPHEN'S SEMI-ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2016

Are you interested in our parish's well-being? Do you have questions or comments about our ministries, financials, or how and why we do what we do (or don't do)? Then we urge you to attend the **SAGM after the 10:30 Divine Liturgy TODAY**. You may learn something you didn't know about St. Stephen's!

At the meeting the **2017 Budget** will be presented and discussed for approval.

We need a quorum of **70** eligible parish members in order to conduct this meeting, so please come, listen, and be heard.

Every voice counts!



ALWAYS WANTED TO BE AN ARCHIVIST?

HERE IS YOUR CHANCE!!

St. Stephen's is currently looking for a person / persons willing to become our parish archivist. With such a full and wonderful history to our parish, we are recognizing the need to preserve all these memories for generations to come.

If you have any interest or would like more information, please contact the parish office at 403-249-4818.

Thank you!

SAVE THE DATE FOR ... **ST. STEPHEN'S MALANKA**

Friday, January 13, 2017 For tickets please call: Ed Demchuk 403-239-0871 or Ambrose Comchi 403-862-3269. More details to come!



From the 10:30 a.m. CHOIR....

THANK YOU! to our wonderful parish family of St. Stephen, to the Melkite parish family of St. Basil and to our clergy, Father Bo, Deacon Andriy and Father Ephrem, for your prayers and wonderful support of a very successful Choir CD Launch last Sunday. We are humbled and inspired to continue to raise our voices with yours to give praise and glory.

CDs will be available for purchase in The Ark. Or the office Until Christmas, CDs will also be available for purchase in the Narthex after all three liturgies.

Liturgy Intentions

for this week:

Sunday, November 20 – TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST:

8:30am – in memorial (10 yr) for the repose of the soul of +Wasil Losowy

10:30am – in memory of the repose of the soul of +Olecia Chobych

5:00pm – for the intentions and needs of all parishioners

Monday, November 21 – MAJOR FEAST DAY: ENTRANCE OF MOTHER OF GOD INTO TEMPLE

9:00am – Festal Divine Liturgy

7:00pm – Festal Divine Liturgy

Tuesday, November 22:

9:00am – for health and birthday blessings for Michael Hryhoryshyn

Wednesday, November 23:

No Divine Liturgy

Thursday, November 24:

9:00am – for healthy recovery from surgery for Michael Hryhoryshyn

Friday, November 25:

9:30am (Westview) – for the intentions and needs of all parishioners

Saturday, November 26:

9:00am – for the intentions and needs of all parishioners

Sunday, November 27 – TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST:

8:30am – for blessings for good health and healing for Sam Bulych

10:30am – for blessings for a successful surgery and healthy recovery for Ann

5:00pm – for the intentions and needs of all parishioners

At St. Stephen Protomartyr we know that we are not perfect, but we strive to grow closer to God in all that we do.

Our faith is Christ-Centered, saturated with sacred scripture, holy Tradition, authentic, profound, and ancient - yet completely relevant.

As a community we understand that we must know, love and serve God and all people in order to become balanced and complete. This call to profound personal intimacy is beautiful and real; both solemn and joyful at the same time.

What's a Byzantine - Ukrainian Catholic Church?

Byzantine Christians are those whose traditions, theology and spirituality flow from the early Church in the Middle East and Eastern Europe. Most Eastern Christians are commonly called Orthodox.

Byzantine Catholics are those who proudly maintain their rich Eastern (Orthodox) liturgical, spiritual and theological ways, and yet are in full communion with the Roman Catholic Church. We recognize the leadership of the Pope of Rome, but are not ourselves Roman Catholic.

Our liturgical life is rich with meaning and actions, that speak to our whole beings. Much of our worship remains unchanged from that of our Fathers and Mothers of the early centuries of Christianity.

At St. Stephen Protomartyr, ALL PEOPLE ARE WELCOME who wish to live a Christian and Catholic way of life, regardless of their ethnic, economic, history or any other backgrounds. We are part of God's Holy Church, here to joyfully lead the life taught by the Risen Christ, reaching out with love and proclaiming His word to all people for the glory of God.

If you are spiritually hungry, and if you are looking for a vibrant community to grow with, we welcome you to check us out at <protomartyr.ca> or visit us in person. We look forward to getting to know you.

The Nativity Fast

(The Winter Pascha—Week 2)



Although created in the image of God, humankind fell from the divine and higher life, and through transgression became entirely subject to corruption and decay. But now the all-good Creator fashions human nature anew; for this reason, we glorify Him.

Nativity Canon Ode 1

Saint Nicholas

Saint Nicholas is perhaps the most closely linked saint to the Christmas season by popular culture over the years. His life of gift giving and firm defense of the faith connect him with the spirit of Christmas for us. But this connection is almost an accident of history, if the arrangement of the feasts of the church could be called accidental. Saints days are on the calendar for the day the saint fell asleep in the Lord. On December 6 we remember Saint Nicholas. The proximity of his feast day to the feast of the Nativity is the “accident of history”. At the same time the Nativity was set for December 25 in Rome to help counteract the pagan festival of the God Saturn. This feast was celebrated by the exchanging of gifts. As with many non-Christian customs, the church took over the festival and the customs and gave them a new meaning. Saint Nicholas gave of his wealth to help others throughout his life. Connecting this giving to the feast of the Nativity and the pagan custom of gift giving was an easy transition.

On Saint Nicholas’ day we again sing the canon of the Nativity. We link the celebrations. Saint Nicholas is the model for all Bishops. His hymn of praise becomes the one we use for any bishop on the calendar. His generous actions make him a strong reminder of the call of Christ.

We are quick to call people good in this day and age. We often here people who have committed terrible acts or horrible crimes referred to as “good” people. We don’t want to offend anyone. During his ministry Jesus called us to a higher standard in his encounter with the Pharisees in Matthew 18. “Why do you call me good? none is good except God.” In all the good that we do as Christians we acknowledge the source of that goodness, not ourselves. Nicholas exemplified this behavior. His acts of charity were done in secret.

Immediately after our Baptism we are anointed with the Chrism, myrrh. This anoints us into our vocation in the Christian people. The oil is full of fragrance that fills the air all around us. Our presence for that day brightens the room. Everyone is reminded of the blessings that come from God and the good gifts given to us, symbolized by this fragrant oil. During the feast of Nicholas we connect this fragrant myrrh with our ACTIONS as Christians.

Our lives must reflect the office granted us after our Baptism.

Our deeds become the oil that anoints others.

“O Bishop and Father Nicholas, while alive in Myra, you manifested yourself as a learned man anointed with spiritual myrrh. You made the world fragrant with the myrrh of your miracles. You continue to pour out your myrrh, both through the fragrance of your words and through our continual remembrance of you.”

St. Nicholas Sessional Hymn

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